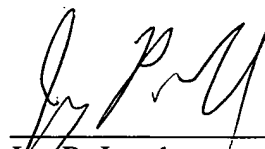


REMARKS

Allowance is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 9-14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 8 rather than claim 1. Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 8 has not been narrowed by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 2-5 and 8 are pending.

It is believed that the claims are free from any ground for rejection over the prior art. Early passage to allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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